GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RESERVED SEATS FOR NORTH EASTERN STATES FOR MBBS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats reserved for students from North Eastern States including Sikkim for MBBS on All India basis, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received requests from various North-Eastern States for increase in the number of seats;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The MBBS seats on All India basis are filled up through the All India Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Examination for 15% of the MBBS/BDS seats in all the Govt. Medical/Dental Colleges, conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education as per the scheme devised and approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.These seats are filled up purely on merit basis and there is no reservation of seats for any state etc.

(b) to (d) The Central Govt is maintaining a Central Pool of MBBS/BDS seats by seeking voluntary contribution from states having medical/dental colleges and some medical institutions.The seats so collected are allocated to States/UTs not having medical/dental colleges of their own and certain Departments to meet national and international obligations. These States include North Eastern States (excluding Assam) and Sikkim.During 2004-05 requests have been received for increase of MBBS seats from these States as under :

State	Allocation for 2003-04	Demand for 2004-05
Manipur	21	35 seats
Nagaland	19	Reasonable No. of Additional seats
Sikkim	7	Restoration of 20 seats
Tripura	23	50 seats

No requests have been received from the other States of Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya for allocation of additional seats.

The demand for additional seats will be considered if there is increased contribution of seats by donor States/Instituions.